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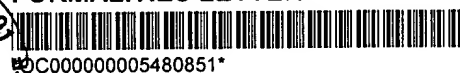
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FORMALITIES LETTER



Date Mailed: 10/17/2000

NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The oath or declaration is missing.
A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- The balance due by applicant is \$ 130.

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In re Application of:)

Oscar Lee Avant et al.)

Serial No.: 09/651,323)

Filed: August 31, 2000)

For: APPARATUS AND METHODS)
FOR IDENTIFYING A MAILPIECE)
USING AN IDENTIFICATION)
CODE)

Group Art Unit: 3651

Examiner: Unassigned



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Attention: **BOX MISSING PARTS**

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**RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE
MISSING PARTS OF APPLICATION**

In response to the communication of October 17, 2000, Applicants submit a Declaration/Power of Attorney for filing in the above-identified application, the required fee of \$130.00, and a copy of the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application.

Please associate the enclosed Declaration and Power of Attorney with the above-identified application.

Attorney Docket No. 07885.0003
New Attorney Docket No. 08049.0010

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our Deposit Account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

FINNEGAN, HENDERSON, FARABOW,
GARRETT & DUNNER, L.L.P.

Dated: December 15, 2000

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CHANGE ATTORNEY DOCKET NUMBER

Applicants respectfully request the change of attorney docket number to a new number for the above case. Please indicate the new docket number **08049.0010** on all future correspondence for Serial No. 09/651,323.

Respectfully submitted,

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